

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



Main Ingredient Curtis Mayfield, left, & Don Cornelius Bloodstone

SOUL SOUNDS SET Gospel Expo At New Time, Hour

HIGH POINT - Curtis Mayfield, Main Ingredient and Bloodstone, three distinguished pop R&B acts highlight Soul Train, the hour-long, teen oriented, musical dance variety television show this Saturday at 2 p.m. on WGHP-TV, Channel 8.

Executive producer/host Don Cornelius has put together a super bad show. Don starts things by moving with Curtis Mayfield, ex member of the original Impressions, whose been riding high on the record polls since writing, arranging and performing the

soundtrack as well as making a brief appearance in the movie Super Fly. Since then he has hosted and appeared on numerous television shows, and cut his fifth album, Curtis in Chicago. With a rosy future in sight Curtis will perform for the audience two of his latest hit-bound sounds "Future Shock" and "Future Songs."

The Main Ingredient is actually a blending of three vital ingredients, Tony Silvester, Luther Simmons, Jr., and Don McPherson. These three talented vocalists grew up together in Harlem and have been

grooving in music for about ten years. They nurtured their sound for some time before putting it together in a recording studio over a span of nearly twelve months, resulting in their initial RCA album release, The Main Ingredient L.T.D. The group will sing "Just Don't Want To Be Lonely" and "Girl Blue."

Bloodstone, affectionately called the Masters of Rock 'n' Soul, is a group composed of four multi-talented young men named Charles McCormick, Harry Williams, Charles Love and Willis Draffen. Originally from Kansas City, the

group got its big break while on a successful eight month singing tour of England where they were signed by British Decca to a recording contract.

Returning to the states they recorded their first London Album Natural High in Los Angeles. The album and the title song single became gold records. Bloodstone will demonstrate their mastery of the voice spectrum (which ranges from falsetto to baritone) when they perform for the Soul Train audience "Outside Woman" and "Ride."

The show also features spirited dancing by the Soul Train gang where couples vie for first place in the Create-A-Dance Award Contest.

HIGH POINT - In a special primetime showcase, WGHP-TV will premiere GOSPEL EXPO on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 PM.

GOSPEL EXPO is a thirty-minute program, full of the best-loved gospel music of the black heritage. It was originally produced and broadcast by Channel 8 in 1973. Due to interest from viewers and gospel groups, alike, the program is being revitalized. Following the special premiere on April 16th, GOSPEL EXPO will be seen weekly on Sundays at 8:00 AM on Channel 8.

The premiere program will feature the Bennett College Choir of Greensboro, under the direction of Gwen Hill. Among the

gospel songs to be presented on the program are "His Love Will Always Be" and "Lend A Helping Hand," particular favorites of the Bennett Choir. The Choir of A&T State University will be featured

on the first Sunday telecast on April 21st.

GOSPEL EXPO is produced by Don Forney, Community Affairs Director of Channel 8 and is directed by Ken Crowhurst. Future Sunday morning

programs will feature black gospel groups from throughout the Piedmont

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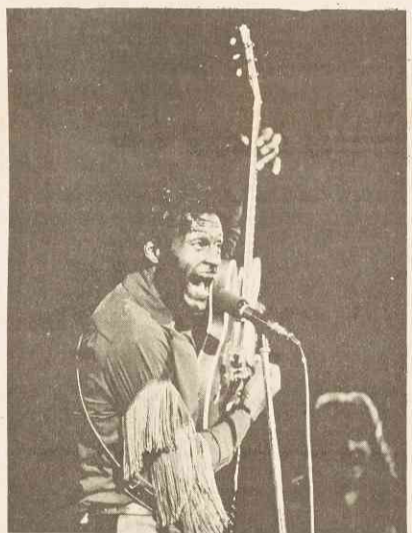
HOLLYWOOD Acknowledged internationally as one of the most skilled and effective press agents in modern film history, Warner Bros. black executive Vincent Tubbs was one of a dozen persons inducted into the nation's first Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame recently.

The Oscar Micheaux Awards ceremonies, sponsored by the Oakland (Calif.) Museum of Art, marked the first time a press agent has been honored alongside star actors and actresses.

DIRECTOR Gordon Parks, Sr. and Agent Lil Cumber were also inducted into the Hall of Fame's non-performing category for their "contributions to the success of Blacks in films and the opportunities pioneered for others."

TOP FILM stars honored were Ossie Davis, Katharine Dunham, Clarence Muse, Lorenzo Tucker, Beah Richards, William Marshall, Theresa Harris and Juanita Moore. Presenters of the awards included Directors Mark Warren and Maya Angelou; actresses Vonetta McGee, Tamara Dobson and Paula Kelly; actors James A. Watson, Jr. and Bernie Casey and musician Jon Hendricks.

TUBBS BECAME one of the industry's first studio-employed publicists in the early 1960's and the first Black to head a film trade union. Credited with outstanding star-making and behind-the-scenes work for employment and upgrading of minorities in movies, he is presently director of community relations for Warner Bros.



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